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Getting Started

To download a library e-book to an Android-based mobile device, you will need:

- an Android v1.5 device or newer device
- the OverDrive Media Console app (Download this app from the Android Market or Google Play, whichever you use to install apps on your device.)
- an Adobe Digital Editions account
- a valid library card from an OverDrive member library

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Authorizing the OverDrive Media Console App

First, you need to authorize the OverDrive Media Console app with your Adobe ID. *You need to do this only once. When you log in again, it will remember your authorization.* Follow these steps:

1. Open the OverDrive Media Console app. Touch the *Menu* button, then touch *App Settings*.

2. Enter your Adobe ID and password. If you don't have one:

   - Touch *Get a Free Adobe ID*. Your web browser will open and redirect you to the Adobe website.
   - Touch *Create an Adobe Account* and you will be taken to a form that asks you to supply some information. Fill in the form. All fields containing a red asterisk are mandatory, while the others are optional. Touch *Continue* at the bottom.
   - Exit your web browser, open OverDrive Media Console, and then follow the steps above to log in with your newly-created Adobe ID.

3. Proceed to checking e-books out. Touch the *Menu* button, then touch *Get Books* at the bottom of the screen, and continue using the instructions below (starting with Step 2).

Checking Out and Downloading Books from the Library Collection

Follow these steps to check out and download a book to your Android tablet or phone:

1. Open the OverDrive Media Console app. Touch the *Menu* button and then touch *Get Books*.

2. Touch *Add a Library*. Enter *06415* (or the zip code of your home library, if you do not live in Colchester), and then touch *Search*. Select your library, then select *Library Connection, Inc*. (NOTE: After the first time you do this, the app will remember *Library Connection, Inc*. Rather than touching *Add a Library*, simply touch *Library Connection, Inc.)* The web browser will open.

3. Touch *Sign In*. Select your library from the list, then enter your library card number (leave no open spaces). Your library card number is the 14-digit number printed immediately below the barcode. **Please note that your library card must be**

from an OverDrive member library. If you live in a community whose library does not pay to belong to the OverDrive consortium, you will not be able to use the OverDrive service. Select the *Remember Me On This Device* box if you want your device to remember your library card number. Then, touch *Sign In.*

4. Select a book to check out:

- Touch the *Browse* icon at the top. This will allow you to browse all titles, or to browse by category. Once you choose a category to browse, you can limit your search to items that are currently available by selecting the *Available Now* box. Then, touch *Submit.*
- You also may search for specific titles or authors by touching the *Advanced Search* icon.
- Once you have found a book you would like to read, click either *Place Hold* (see more on placing holds below) or *Borrow*. **Please note that only e-books in the ePub format and audiobooks in the mp3 format are compatible with the OverDrive Media Console. You will see both formats in your search results. Be sure you are getting the correct format: ePub is for reading, mp3 is for listening.**
- Once you have added a book to your cart, you can touch either *Continue Browsing* to search for more books or *Proceed to Checkout*. **NOTE: You may check out up to four (4) – e-books and audiobooks combined – checked out from the OverDrive catalog at any one time. If you try to check out more than four, you will get a message telling you that you cannot check out any more items until one or more have been returned.**

5. Check out your book(s). Touch *Proceed to Checkout*, select a loan period for each item you are borrowing (most items give you the option to select a 7-, 14-, or 21-day loan period), and then touch *Confirm Check Out* at the bottom of the screen.

6. On the next screen, touch Download. The web browser will close and OverDrive Media Console will open automatically to start downloading your book. After the download, click the book title to start reading.

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To return a downloadable e-book early:

1. *Open OverDrive Media Console.*
2. *Touch the plus (+) sign to the right of the book title you wish to return. A box will appear that says Return/Delete. Touch this box.*
3. *Select Return then Delete. This will return the book and delete it from your device.* **NOTE: If you select Delete Only, the e-book will be removed from your device but it will NOT be checked back in. You will be able to download it again until your loan period expires.**

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